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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following.